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Miss Therie Smith,
West Topsham,
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Nashua, N. H.

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Dear Cousin Therie: -

Your letter, Auntie's
and Cousin Nettie's letters
received. I do love to hear
from you all. I also
received the pretty postal
cards at Christmas and
wish to thank you ^{all} for
them.

I hope you didn't have a
long sickness. When you

wrote last time you had
been having trouble with
your throat. I do hope you
have got rid of it altogether
by this time.

We all have had the Grippe
at home but otherwise we
have been quite well or at
least I have. Mamma is
not well at all and she
catches cold very easy.

Tell Auntie that of course I
don't mind her writing her
letters with a pencil. I prize
her letters and appreciate
the trouble and difficulties
under which she writes
them.

Your mother makes me
laugh everytime she writes
and calls me "Ida"

We have not had very much
winter here until within
the past two weeks. We have
had good sleighing for about
a week. Work is very slack
now and many poor people
are having a very hard time
to get along. Quite a number
of the shops run only forty
hours a week instead of sixty.
My father is working on fifty
hour time. I have work every
day and hope I shall have.
Have the people up your
way felt the hard times?

I am still studying but I expect and hope to get all through by spring.

We all spent Christmas with my sister Bertha. We had a very nice time. We had a little tree in the front room just for fun. Of course there were not any children but we enjoyed it just the same. I had a pair of bedroom slippers from mamma, a wrist bag from mamma and Will, two collars, a book, a lovers knot pin and several post cards.

Last Sunday was my

birthday and I was twenty
one years old. I feel that I
must try to accomplish
more now than I ever have
before. What a responsibility
as well as a privilege there
is for each one of us in lifting
up Jesus in our every day
life.

I am so glad that you
have Miss Kennedy for your
teacher again. Do you have
tests every term? I feel quite
sure if you do that you
get 100% on them all.

Have you been skating much
this winter?

Last week there was a little

pond near my house and
I took my dog Prince and
went out skating several
times. I can't skate very
well but I enjoy it very
much.

I often try to imagine how
your barn looks now and
also wonder how Victor's
Special Bossy looks.

How is the parrot?

I haven't seen Cora since
she was up here in the fall
but I hear from her often
through Guy. I did intend
to go down this winter but
I guess I can't this winter.

Ray's little girl Cora has
diphtheria.

Orra says that she is as happy as she can be, happier than ever before.

I think of you all a great deal and also think over all the details of my visit with you. I certainly had the best and happiest vacation that I ever had, with you.

Give my love please to my dear dear Auntie, Cousin Nettie, Victor and Arthur and keep a good big share for yourself.

Ever your faithful cousin
Eva.

